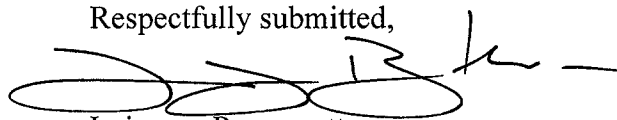


REMARKS

Claims 12-30 will be pending in the present case upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1-11 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 12-17, 20, 22, 23, and 28-30 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Final Office Action dated August 1, 2007, indicated that each of claims 12, 13, 15, and 29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections of record and to include the limitations of their base claim and respective intervening claims. *Final Office Action*, at ¶ 12. The Final Office Action also indicated that claims 16-19, 21, and 30 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections of record, and that claims 22-28 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of record. *Id.* at ¶¶ 13 and 14. During an Examiner's Interview conducted on October 2, 2007, Applicants' attorney discussed a proposed amendment to the claims that the Examiner indicated would be sufficient to overcome all claim objections and rejections. The present amendment to claims 12-17, 20, 22, 23, and 28-30 is intended to implement the modifications discussed in that interview, as well as the requirements set out in the Final Office Action. *Id.* at ¶¶ 12-14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in immediate condition for allowance. If there are any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3187.

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